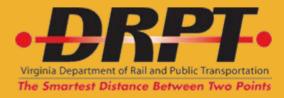
#### Rail Enhancement Fund

**Current Status and the Way Forward** 

November 9, 2006



### Active Agreements Today

#### **Project Agreements**

- 13 projects approved by RAB/CTB
  - 12 projects managed by DRPT
  - Interagency Agreement with Virginia Port Authority to manage the Median Rail Project

#### **Status**

- 1 Agreement signed
- 8 Agreements in negotiations with grantee
- 2 Agreements in final internal review
- 2 Agreements will not move forward



### Status of REF Agreements (1)

Name	Grantee	Status	Contract Completion Date	Project Completion Date
Gainesville/ Haymarket Feasibility Study	VRE	Draft Agreement under internal review.	12/29/06	Early 2008
Cherry Hill Station and Third Track Study	VRE	Draft Agreement complete. Sent to VRE for review.	12/29/06	Early 2008
APM/Maersk Rail Yard Expansion	APMVA	Final draft of Agreement under preparation.	11/30/06	Summer 2007
Suffolk Connection to CWRY	CSX	Draft Agreement under review.	12/29/06	Pending CSX/NS Negotiations

### Status of REF Agreements (2)

Name	Grantee	Status	Contract Completion Date	Project Completion Date
Portsmouth Subdivision Height Clearances	CSX	Draft Agreement under review.	12/29/06	Pending CSX/NS Negotiations
North Acca Yard Switches	CSX	Draft Agreement complete. Awaiting performance info. from CSX.	11/30/06	In Service
Heartland Corridor	NS	Agreement signed 5/15/06. Schedule of Values under negotiation.	10/31/06	Summer 2009
CWRY Line Purchase	CWRY	Final draft of Agreement under preparation.	11/30/06	Spring 2007

### Status of REF Agreements (3)

			Contract Completion Date	Project Completion Date
Name	Grantee	Status		
Intermodal Improvements Crewe-Suffolk	NS	Draft Agreement being negotiated with NS.	11/30/06	Mid 2007
VA/NC Passenger Rail EIS	NCDOT	Negotiations underway. NCDOT has requested revisions to Scope of Work.	11/30/06	Winter 2008
Median Rail Project	CWRY	Draft Agreement complete. VPA has provided design-build agreement.	11/30/06	Spring 2007



#### Projects that will not Advance

- Charlottesville Connecting Track Upgrade Study
  - \$21,000 REF
  - Operating and physical challenges prevent this project from advancing
- □ Richmond Port Passenger/Freight Improvements
  - \$140,000 REF
  - TDX requested a project scope change and that the project be transferred to the City of Richmond



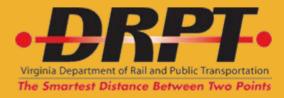
#### **Related Actions**

- Charlottesville Connecting Track Upgrade Study
  - DRPT will request a status letter from BBRR confirming the inability of the project to advance and that project funds should be released back to the REF.
- Richmond Port Passenger/Freight Improvements
  - Letter received from TDX requesting scope change.
  - DRPT will indicate to TDX that this scope change would require submission of the new project under a separate application.
  - DRPT will request a letter from TDX releasing project funds back to REF.



#### Rail Enhancement Fund

The Way Forward



### **New REF Application Procedures**

#### Timeline for implementation:

- November: First draft presented today, along with public comments received on the current document
- Nov-Dec: 30 day public comment period
- January: Final draft approval at January RAB meeting
- February: DRPT will present the new application procedures to the CTB at its February workshop
- March: CTB to approve final application procedures at their March action meeting
- April: Open application process begins



### Key Changes (1)

- Open application period
  - Allows projects to be considered and advanced more frequently than at one specific time per year
  - Makes funding available more frequently than once per year
  - Allows for a more detailed review process and public benefit analysis per project
  - Allows DRPT to negotiate the best possible contract for each project
- Applications could be received as early as April 2007, following CTB adoption of the final document at its March meeting

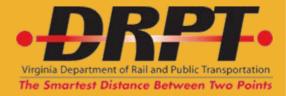


### Key Changes (2)

- Construction projects with 30% preliminary engineering completed at the time of application will be evaluated with a greater positive weight in the consideration for funding
- Incorporates state review requirements for projects taking place outside existing railroad right of way
- Contracts will be executed based on a standard REF agreement
- Specifies public involvement requirements
- Projects will be consistent with DRPT's Strategic Rail Investment Plan (upon completion)



# DRPT's Strategic Rail Investment Plan



### Goals

- Set priorities for state investments in rail
  - Identify priority rail corridors and chokepoints for investment
- Establish a reference to help guide REF and other DRPT rail fund investments
- ☐ Focus on completing high impact improvements first to make the most of limited funding



#### **Key Elements**

- Update and expand upon the Virginia State Rail Plan of 2004
- Include data from other rail initiatives:
  - Statewide Multimodal Freight Study
  - Passenger Rail Studies
- Enhance public benefit analysis
  - Weigh projects based on a point system
  - Incorporate policy goal requirements of the REF
- Incorporate best practices established by VA transportation programs such as Transportation Enhancement



#### Implementation Schedule

- ☐ Initiate development in fall 2006
- ☐ Review draft document in summer 2007
- ☐ Implementation in fall 2007





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